

What is claimed is:

1. An anchorage safety device to which a lanyard may be attached in order to secure a workman, comprising:

a cross-member having a midpoint and opposed terminal ends, said cross-member further having an aperture;

a clamp slidably attached to said cross-member, said clamp including:

ratchet pawl having a tooth, wherein said tooth communicates with the aperture such that an unilateral force applied to said clamp that is directed away from the midpoint of said cross-member does not disengage said tooth from the aperture, while a force applied to said clamp that is directed towards the midpoint may disengage said tooth from the aperture.

2. The anchorage device according to claim 1, wherein said tooth has a first surface and a second surface, wherein said first surface is farther in proximity from the midpoint of said cross-member than the second surface, wherein said first surface engages a first abutment surface of the aperture when an unilateral force is applied to said clamp in a direction away from the midpoint of said cross-member, and wherein the first surface is oriented at least 90 degrees to the longitudinal axis of said cross-member.

3. The anchorage device according to claim 2, wherein the aperture has a second abutment surface that is closer in proximity than the first abutment surface, and wherein the second surface of the tooth is oriented at an angle that is less than 90 degrees to the longitudinal axis of said cross-member.

4. The anchorage device according to claim 1, wherein said clamp further comprises a sleeve slidably carried on said cross-member, a housing to which said ratchet pawl is attached, and a jaw.

5. The anchorage device according to claim 4 wherein said ratchet pawl is pivotally attached to said housing.

6. The anchorage device according to claim 4 wherein said ratchet pawl is slidably disposed within said housing.

7. The anchorage device according to claim 4 wherein said ratchet pawl has an abutment surface, whereby said tooth is may be removed from the aperture by simultaneously applying forces to said abutment surface of said housing and to said first end of said ratchet pawl.

8. The anchorage device according to claim 4 further comprising a lanyard attachment implement affixed at the midpoint of said cross-member.

9. The anchorage device according to claim 8, wherein said attachment implement further includes a ring to which a lanyard may be attached.

10. The anchorage device according to claim 9 wherein said clamp is generally tapered.

11. A device to which a lanyard may be attached in order to secure a workman, comprising:  
a cross-member having a series of apertures; and  
a clamp slidably attached to said cross-member, said claim having means for releasably locking itself to said cross-member.

12. The device according to claim 11 wherein said locking means includes a ratchet pawl.

13. The device according to claim 12 wherein said ratchet pawl includes at least one tooth, wherein said at least one tooth is adapted from being releaseably received within at least one of the series of apertures.

14. A method for securing a lanyard to a beam, comprising the steps of:  
providing a cross-member having a midpoint, a longitudinal axis and a plurality of apertures;

providing a clamp, said clamp slidable long adapted for

15. The device according to claim 11, further comprising means for attaching a lanyard.